

## LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Steels returned to their home at Benton Harbor on Tuesday morning after an indefinite length of time here packing apples.

Mrs. Van Lowry returned to Belding after a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Beas Wach at Elwell.

If the people of Belding who have been saving fruit pits and nut shells will deliver them at the board of commerce office in the City hall we will endeavor to handle the shipping of them which should be done this week.

Mrs. J. Hubbard returned from St. Johns Saturday after a short visit with her son, Don.

V. Lowrey spent Wednesday and Thursday in Grand Rapids visiting his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Slack.

Nothing brings so much real happiness to a soldier as pictures from home. Make an appointment today. It's time for the Christmas mail to France. Dennis Studio.

Lou Sagendorf and family of Greenville were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Kendall.

Miss Rena Owen has been quite ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiley of Kalamazoo, were in the city on Thursday, calling on old time friends.

Will Price received a letter from his son Ray, in Detroit, Monday stating that someone was sick in the little family and Mrs. Price went down on the noon train. She found them quite hard up from the flu epidemic and will remain there for a time to care for them.

H. P. Rieckmann went to Grand Rapids Monday morning to attend to some business matters for the day.

Wortley & French give a guarantee with the last 50 boxes of Mi-o-na stomach tablets they sold and have not had a single customer report dissatisfaction. Ask to see their guarantee.—Advertisement.

Otis Powell went to Lowell Tuesday afternoon on a business trip.

Miss Hazel Fortine went to Grand Rapids Monday morning to visit for the week with her sister, other relatives and friends. Miss Fortine is one of our local teachers and is taking advantage of the local closing of the schools for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fingleton and family left here Friday for Parnell, where they are going to locate from now on. Pat has taken the position as sexton and janitor of St. Patrick's Catholic parish at Parnell and it brings him very nearly back to his boyhood home of himself and wife.

Mrs. Earl Caswell of Grand Rapids returned to her home in the Furniture City Monday morning after having spent a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Fox.

Mr. Caswell is a brakeman on a passenger train running between Grand Rapids and Saginaw and he met his wife here on his trip home.

Mrs. Wm. Eversole and Mrs. Chas. Harley of Ludington, returned to their homes Monday after visiting at the home of Miss Jane Baerd at Orleans for some time.

Mrs. J. P. Andersen left Monday morning for a short visit with her son at Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivenburgh and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. George Rivenburgh of Flint, arrived Monday morning summoned here by the news of the death of their sister, Miss Clara Rivenburgh.

Miss Agnes Jonas, who has been at her mother's home the past two weeks returned to her position in Grand Rapids Monday morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth Swarthout of Detroit is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Simmons, west of the city.

Mrs. Harvey Simmons was a Greenville business visitor Monday morning.

Mrs. Anna Moon spent Sunday in Ionia visiting relatives.

By the way—do you know it's your patriotic duty to trade AT HOME? Think it over and see if you can't find the answer.

## FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSED NEW CHARTER

Editor Banner-News:

I notice in a recent issue of the Banner-News that the charter commission had completed their labors in revising the city charter and the same was given out for publication in full.

A careful and conservative reading of it with a view to becoming conversant with its fundamental provisions as a basis for well organized municipal activities in accordance with law and systematized business, should convince any person that it ought to be adopted by the voters at the coming election and place our city in the rank and class it is entitled to among other cities of the state and nation.

The old charter under which we have been working for the past 25 years, has become absolutely obsolete in many of its provisions; it was loosely drawn and in the natural trend of advanced business methods, new laws governing the same and a demand for better police regulations to meet the requirements, our city council and law makers have been for the past ten years in their work of trying to give the city needed improvements called for by the people at large, confronted with technical phrases and provisions in the old charter which have retarded their work and been very expensive indeed.

The members of the charter commission were elected by the city at large and every voter had a voice in composing it; they have done their work well; they have eliminated a whole lot of frills and back number provisions contained in the old charter and formulated a new one along progressive lines in keeping with the spirit of the age. The charter and the systematic business form of government it proposes should by all means be adopted for the best interests of all the people of the city and also in the interest of economy.

It may not be generally known but it is a fact that the cost to the taxpayers of the city for running its business under the old charter approaches very close to \$8,000 every year; this amount would be clipped at least one-third under the proposed new way and with its business affairs and city needs systematized and bunched into competent hands, shorn of "red tape" procedure in order to get quick action and effective results is an excellent remedy for the expensive and round-about-way now necessary to be gone through with to meet and accomplish demands of up-to-date methods.

By the initiative, referendum and recall provision which the charter commission has wisely provided for, it absolutely places the commission form of government in the hands of the people and if an officer proves incompetent the people may "put him on the shelf" at once.

No ordinances can be adopted, or franchises granted or bonds issued without their sanction and the bonded indebtedness can never exceed 5 per cent of the assessed valuation of the city or the tax rate higher than one and four-tenths per cent.

In short the city under the commission form of government is simply a stock company in which every citizen is a stockholder and assists in securing a good man and his needed workmen in managing the enterprise and pushing along its activities in a business way.

E. B. Lapham.

Editor Banner-News:

Kindly permit me to say a few words in regard to the new charter which it is proposed to vote upon at the next election.

It is my opinion that the new charter, if carried into effect will not effect a saving to the city, but will mount the cost of running the city's affairs to a staggering amount yearly.

I base my predictions for this on the fact that it is an impossibility to see a man who will take the proposed position of city manager for a sum less than \$5,000 per year and that salaries of other officials will be in proportion.

It is my further opinion that the city commissioners, which would be elected under the new charter, would be vested with altogether too much power for so small a body of men and personally I would be in favor of not less than seven commissioners instead of three as proposed.

Perhaps the new charter would be a benefit over the old one, but my greatest objection is that the expense incident to the running of the city's affairs would be infinitely greater than under the present charter, which you must admit, has served us well and good.

I also wish to ask the question: Why is it that there has been no public meeting on the proposition, so that the people of the city could have taken the matter up and been given the enlightenment on certain sections of the charter which they surely ought to have before they vote in favor of so radical a change as the adoption of this proposed new charter would bring into play in this city?

"Safety First" Citizen.

(Undoubtedly the reason for no public meeting being held is because of the influenza epidemic making it necessary to call off all public meetings.—Editor.)

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many kind friends and neighbors who extended sympathy and the flowers at the death of our husband and father, Mrs. John W. Moore and family.

Being urged to conserve labor, some people are conserving it by waiting until the wind blows the leaves over on their neighbors' lawns.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, or by mail, Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Connell's Drug Store; Wortley & French.—Adv.

Corporal Seth D. Gates of Orleans returned home Tuesday morning from a visiting trip near Stanton, Lakesview and other places in that section of the country. Corp. Gates saw eight months in France and lost a leg while in the service.

Rev. Fred Ing, who has been very ill the past 10 days, is now out again.

Mrs. Glenn Huddell, spent the week-end and Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. Shepard and family at Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dalley and daughter visited at Stanton and Greenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Engersoll and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crabb of Detroit are visiting at the home of I. L. Hubbell.

E. M. Farney is on the sick list. C. P. Reed is spending two weeks in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Rodde and son, Gerald and Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickens were Sunday guests at the home of G. O. Bignell.

# LLOYD'S

## October Sale of Fall and Winter Merchandise

Begins Thursday, October 24th and ends Saturday, Nov. 2

The constant warm weather has delayed fall buying and in order to stimulate business and get in the extra money we need for fall bills, we are going to give you nine days opportunity to buy your winter needs much below the regular price. All prices are advancing and it will be a long time before you will be able to duplicate the prices quoted in this advertisement. There is a positive saving of at least 25 per cent on all items quoted.

### Sale of Plush Coats

Sealette and Peco Plush with high silk nap that is the next thing to real Hudson Seal Fur, for warmth and style combined with service; no better coats could be asked for. Full belted models with large collars, deep turn-back cuffs, sweeping flare, are lined and interlined.

\$27.50 Garments	\$23.75
\$30.00 Garments	\$24.75
\$32.50 Garments	\$25.75
\$35.00 Garments	\$29.25
\$37.50 Garments	\$31.50
\$47.50 Garments	\$40.00

### Sale of Ladies' Suits

The material in all our suits is all wool. The jackets are of medium length. The skirts are usually perfectly plain—for conservatism these suits for afternoon and general utility wear are unequalled.

\$27.50 Suits	\$24.75
\$32.50 Suits	\$29.25
\$35.00 Suits	\$31.50
\$37.50 Suits	\$33.75
\$39.50 Suits	\$34.50

### Sale of Wool and Silk Dresses

All wool serges and silks made up in smart straight line models, belted with shirred backs, jaunty pockets, trimmed with tailored buttons, smartly finished with white satin collars and cuffs. Silk poplin dress, all colors and sizes, very special at

\$9.89	\$9.89
\$15.00 Dresses	\$13.50
\$17.50 Dresses	\$15.75
\$18.50 Dresses	\$16.65
\$22.50 Dresses	\$19.75
\$25.00 Dresses	\$22.25

No charge for alterations on Ready-to-Wear Garments selling for \$5.00 or more.

### Sale of Table Damask, Napkins and Crash Towelings

We believe we are showing one of the best stocks of Linens in Ionia county, real linen is mighty scarce, but we have it, better buy for Thanksgiving and Christmas NOW.

64 inch Mercerized, 75c quality	69c
64 inch fine Mercerized, 89c quality	79c
68 inch, half Linen, \$1.50 quality	\$1.29
70 inch all Linen, \$2.00 quality	\$1.79
72 inch all Linen, \$2.50 quality	\$2.29
72 inch, all linen, \$3.00 quality	\$2.75

### Three Extra Good Values in Toweling

16 inch, half linen crash	20c
18 inch half linen crash	22c
16 inch twill cotton crash	10c

### Sale of Dress Silks

Beautiful yard wide silks, in striking plaids and stripes, suitable for skirts or dresses:

\$2.00 quality	\$1.69
\$2.50 quality	\$2.39
\$3.00 quality	\$2.69

### Sale of Women's Hose

35c Burson seamless hose, mostly black, sale price	.23c
20 dozen Agents' sample hose, fine list quality, value to 50c, sale price	.25c

### Sale of Dress Gingham

Staple and nice fancy plaids and stripes, best quality, sale price	39c
Nice fleecy white and fancy outings suitable for night gowns or other purposes, best quality, sale price	35c

### Sale of Knit and Outing Petticoats

The outing skirts are light and dark colors, short and full length. \$1.00 values	79c
The knit skirts come in all white, navy, gray and black with colored stripe borders, and are very special at 59c, 85c and	\$1.25

### Bloomeralls and Blouses

These are made up in good style and of good heavy khaki twill material. Just the thing for mill or out-door work, \$2.50 to

### Sale of Bed Blankets

You surely will need blankets when the weather gets colder, why not buy now and save money.

\$2.50 50x72 inch blanket	\$2.25
\$3.50 64x84 inch blanket	\$2.75
\$3.75 76x84 inch blanket	\$3.25
\$4.50 64x76 woolnap, fancy plaid	\$4.15
\$6.50 66x80 plain and plaid woolnap	\$5.75
Good heavy bed comforts	\$2.50

### Sale of Wool Coatings

56 inch all wool heavy coatings, just the thing for making children's coats:

\$4.50 quality	\$4.20
\$2.50 quality	\$2.25

### Sale of Winter Underwear

This is a delayed shipment of underwear bought months ago from an eastern mill; we cannot duplicate these garments at these prices.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Ladies' union suits, high neck, long sleeves or low neck and short sleeves, all sizes, 4, 5 and 6 95c; 7, 8, 9	\$1.05
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Boys' or girls' union suits, all sizes, better buy your winter needs now, you can't get any more at these prices: Sizes 2 and 3 79c; sizes 4, 5, and 6, 89c; sizes 7, 8, and 9

### Sale of Muslin Curtains

These are made up of good quality all white figured mull with ruffles, just the thing for chamber windows. Values from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Choice per pair 50c and

### Knitting Yarn

Nice soft all wool knitting yarn in black, gray, khaki, full 4-ounce hanks	\$1.00
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It is impossible for us to get any more all wool yarn; better buy all you want now.

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The service rendered by this Strong Old Established State Bank is uniform—it is the same no matter whether you maintain a large or small account, but it is always

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The time never was when you should be so particular about comfortable footwear.

Uncle Sam uses millions of pairs of wool hose to protect our boys and preserve their health; you should profit by experience and protect yourself.

Iron-Clad hose fit perfectly at every point; they come in heavy wool and casimere and in many grades. Try a pair, you'll like the way they fit, and especially the way they wear.

We've a complete assortment of sizes and kinds at

35c 50c 75c \$1

## FRISTOE & DIVINE

The New Way Store